GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:598
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2007
NUCLEAR SUPPLIER`S GROUP
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any efforts to garner support of the Nuclear Suppliers' Group (NSG) on Nuclear Treaty;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c) A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (C) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 598 REGARDING "NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS' GROUP" FOR ANSWER ON 16.05.2007

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. The Joint Statement of July 18, 2005 commits the United States to work with its friends and allies to adjust international regimes to enable full civil nuclear energy cooperation and trade with India. Government have also taken steps to seek the support of Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG) countries. This has been done through briefings in NSG member country capitals and in New Delhi as well as through dialogue with the NSG. The issue of an India-specific exemption to the NSG Guidelines has also been taken up at political levels during visits abroad as well as incoming visits.

(c) As a result of these efforts, several important NSG countries such as UK, France and Russia have expressed understanding for our position.